

May 22, 2003

**Hearing: The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program,  
Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and  
Individuals Who Rent**

Rep. Katherine Harris' Statement:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to express my appreciation for your willingness to conduct this hearing. I also wish to thank Mr. Liu (Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, HUD) for his testimony.

This afternoon, we consider a crucial program that addresses the continuing need to provide rental assistance to low-income families and individuals.

I continue to believe in the vitality of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program as an essential means of fulfilling the fundamental obligation of a decent society to ensure that every man, woman, and child has access to quality, affordable housing.

I look forward to our continued consideration of this critical matter and being fully engaged in the debate that will define methods to improve current programs.

Thank you.